

City of Meriden

Librarian III – Community Services

The Meriden Public Library is seeking a dynamic individual to supervise a wide range of outreach services for our diverse community. Enthusiasm and motivation for working with staff and all segments of the community is essential. The core responsibilities include programming (primarily for adults), coordinating meeting room use, and directing the Library's bookmobile services. The head of community Services oversees public relations and marketing efforts via the Library's website, social media outlets and press releases. Representing the Library in collaborative projects with local and regional partners is expected as well as excellent organizations and communication skills. Master's Degree in Library Science or an ALA accredited school with considerable library and supervisory experience. Some nights and weekends required. Salary \$76,918 with a full benefit package. A job description is attached. Applications and resumes may be sent to City of Meriden, Human Resources Department, 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450 or submitted online at www.meridenct.gov. Last date to apply is Friday, March 22, 2019. EOE.

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Nature of Work

This is supervisory library work involving the management of a major library activity.

Work involves responsibility for the direction of reference, circulation, program, community, children's and technical services. Employees are expected to solve most technical and administrative problems independently within the framework of established library policy. Supervision is exercised over professional and clerical personnel engaged in a variety of library work. Work is performed under the general direction of the Director of Library Services and the Assistant Librarian who review it through reports, conferences and observation of results.

Example of Work

Supervises a major department of the library, such as reference, circulation, program, community, technical or children's services; plans and assigns the work of subordinates; develops work procedures and schedules, and reviews work done in assigned department.

Plans and supervises all activities of the reference department; develops and installs reference procedures and selects materials; answers reference questions.

Plans and supervise all aspects of the library's children's program including pre-school and elementary ages; supervises the selection of appropriate reading materials for various age groups.

Plans and supervises all technical services and ordering procedures and solves cataloging problems; recommends purchase of bibliographic tools and supplies.

Plans and supervises all activities of the circulation department; develops circulation procedures; trains staff; maintains records and circulation control.

Plans and directs programs and community services.

Recommends books and other materials for purchase and maintains the library collections.

Provides guidance to parents, teachers and patrons of all ages concerning appropriate and desirable materials for reading and other purposes.

Prepares newspaper articles and assists in other library publicity; gives book talks, instructs students in use of the library; attends conferences and meetings to stimulate interest in and use of the library and to acquire additional professional knowledge.

Familiarizes self in use and operation of computerized systems.

Develops long range plans and objectives for area of responsibility to be presented to the Director of Library Services.

Reads professional publications and book reviews to keep informed on new publications.

Performs related work as required.

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Desirable Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills

Considerable knowledge of professional library principles, methods, practices and material.

Considerable knowledge of library reference and research materials tools and procedures, technical processes and community services.

Considerable knowledge of reader interest levels, books, literature and authors, and familiarity with media.

Ability to analyze professional and administrative problems, make responsive recommendations and take appropriate action.

Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of a group of professional and clerical subordinates in a manner conducive to full performance and high morale.

Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely, orally and in writing to groups and individuals.

Ability to interpret library policies and objectives effectively to groups, and to establish and maintain effective relationships with library patrons and community groups.

Desirable Experience and Training

Considerable professional experience in library work including some supervisory experience; and graduation from a recognized college or university, supplemented by graduate level study leading to a degree in library science from an accredited school of library science.